

## HOW TO APPLY – GUIDELINES AND CHECKLIST

### THE UNESCO KING HAMAD BIN ISA AL-KHALIFA PRIZE FOR THE USE OF INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATION TECHNOLOGIES IN EDUCATION

- ✚ Established in 2005, sponsored by the Government of the Kingdom of Bahrain
- ✚ Consists of a sum of US\$50,000 (a cheque and a diploma) to be equally divided between two prize winners

#### WHO CAN ENTER?

The Prize is awarded to individuals, institutions, other entities or non-governmental organizations for excellent models, best practice, and creative use of information and communication technologies (ICTs) to enhance learning, teaching and overall educational performance.

#### Presentation of candidatures and submission of nominations

Candidatures must be presented by the government of a Member State of UNESCO or an international non-governmental organization, maintaining formal consultative relations with UNESCO and active in the relevant fields covered by the Prize. Each government or international non-governmental organization is entitled to nominate only two candidates per year. A self-nomination cannot be considered.

#### Eligibility criteria

The Prize shall be awarded to individuals, institutions, other entities or non-governmental organizations in recognition for projects/activities demonstrating effective and innovative use of ICTs, which:

- ✚ have a multiplier effect at local, national or regional level by reaching the greatest possible number of learners and raising the quality of teaching and learning;
- ✚ result in the development of original teaching and learning materials/products which promote a learner-centred pedagogy and encourage collaboration and networking in an open and flexible environment;
- ✚ mainstream the use of technologies in education and their seamless integration into the curriculum at all levels and across disciplines;
- ✚ promote the development, adaptation, dissemination and reuse of open educational resources;
- ✚ encourage research and development to facilitate accessibility of technologies for all, including marginalized, disadvantaged and vulnerable people;
- ✚ address major digital and gender divide issues at local, national or regional level.

In addition, the criteria below shall be taken into consideration:

- ✚ duration of projects/activities must be of at least a year to permit an assessment of results and proof of success;
- ✚ contribution to local, national and/or regional education priorities and challenges;
- ✚ innovation and openness of content and tools;
- ✚ collaboration and networking potential;
- ✚ leveragability of the project/activity by players in other regions;
- ✚ evidence of sustainability for mid- to long-term application;
- ✚ success/impact of the respective technology on transforming a particular aspect of education on a small or large scale;
- ✚ the project/activity should be a first time nomination for a Prize of this kind.

### **Selection process**

The two prizewinners shall be selected by the Director-General of UNESCO on the basis of the assessments and recommendations made to him by an international jury. The jury, appointed by the Director-General of UNESCO for a period of six years, shall consist of five independent members, of different nationalities and gender.

### **HOW TO APPLY?**

Applications are made by national governments or international non-governmental organizations, maintaining formal consultative relations with UNESCO, which are requested to consider the following steps:

- ✚ widely inform all stakeholders involved in ICT-enhanced educational activities about the Prize (public/private educational institutions; local newspapers, radio and TV companies; private companies);
- ✚ set up a selection committee or panel to screen the candidates;
- ✚ select the most deserving candidates and work with them to prepare their files for submission to UNESCO.

Each nomination shall be accompanied by a written recommendation, which shall include, in English or French, *inter alia*:

- (a) a description of the candidate's background and achievements (no more than 200 words);
- (b) a summary of the work or the results of the work; publications and other supporting documents of major importance submitted for consideration (no more than 1,000 words);
- (c) a description of the candidate's contribution to the Prize's objectives (no more than 150 words);

- (d) a sample/demonstration, when possible in printable format (demonstration material can also be audio/video, broadcast-based materials or a combination), digital, interactive, delivered through CDs or through a website.

**Deadline for submission:** 16 April 2012

### **Checklist for governments and international non-governmental organizations**

Before sending your submission to UNESCO, please check that the following are included:

- ✚ the written recommendation;
- ✚ a letter of endorsement from the government or international non-governmental organization;
- ✚ supplementary materials.

### **WHERE TO SEND THE NOMINATIONS?**

The nominations should be sent to the address below, which can be contacted for any further information:

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